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Administrator  
United States Environmental  
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Washington, D. C. 20460

Dear Sir:

The State of California supported the passage in 1980 of H. R. 8117, which added Section 1425 to the Safe Drinking Water Act. This section deals with underground injection wells related to the recovery and production of oil and natural gas (EPA's Class II wells). This recent addition to the Act allows states with programs that effectively protect drinking water sources through the regulation of Class II injection wells to continue their programs in full compatibility with the Safe Drinking Water Act.

The California Department of Conservation, Division of Oil and Gas, has effectively supervised and regulated underground injection activities related to oil and natural gas production for the past 37 years. I therefore request approval of the Division's application for primacy in the supervision of Class II well operations under the Underground Injection Control Program, filed pursuant to Section 1425 of the Safe Drinking Water Act.

The California Department of Conservation's Division of Oil and Gas with the cooperation of the State Water Resources Control Board is willing and able to continue to carry out the program described in the Division's application for primacy.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor